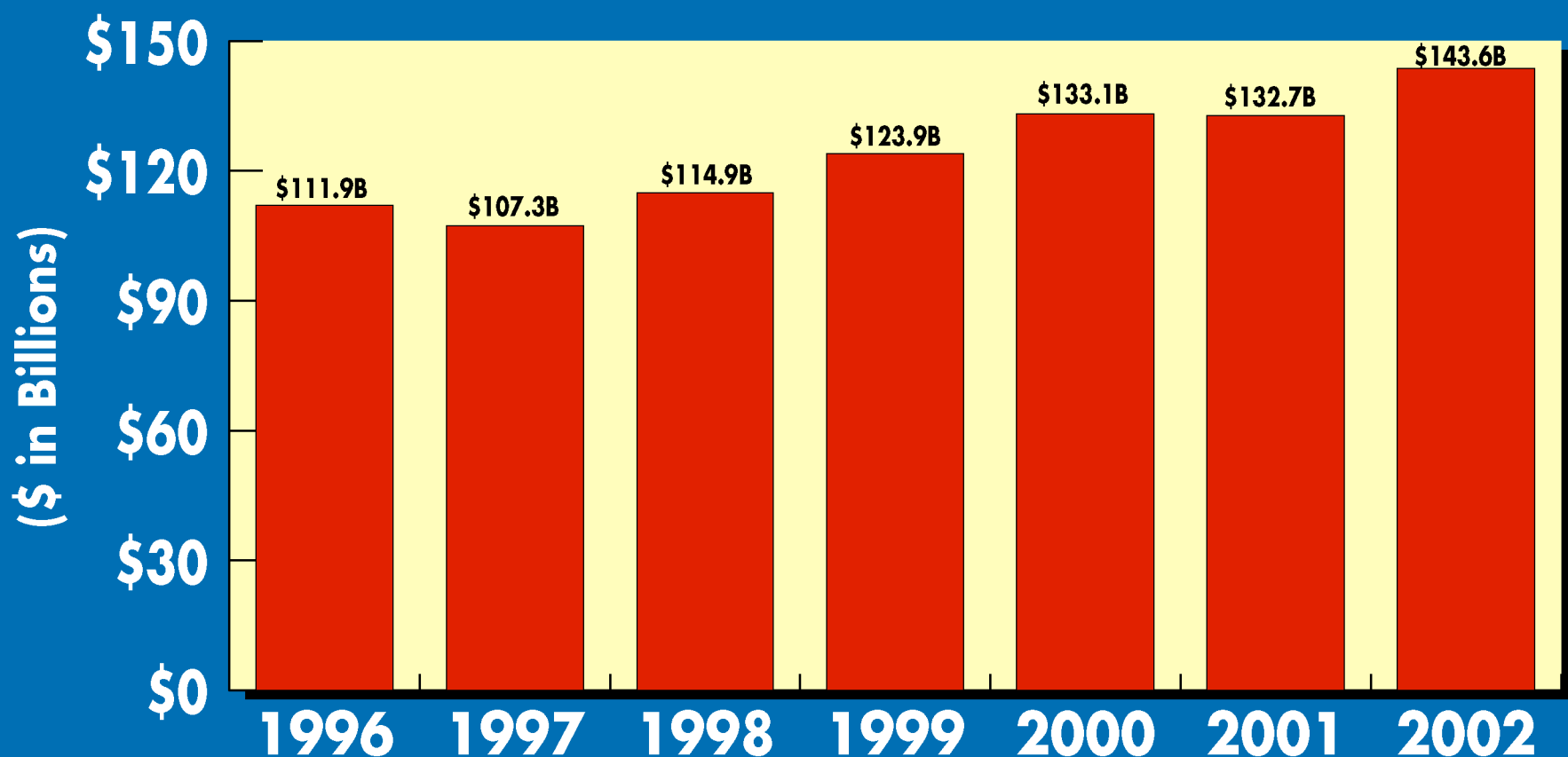


Federal Spending for Major Programs for Low-Income Families Grew 29% from 1996 – 2002* while the Welfare Caseload Declined over 55%



*Includes Cash Aid (TANF, EITC – refunds, child tax credit refunds, SSI children only), Food Benefits (food stamps, subsidized meals, WIC), Major Medical Aid (Medicaid, SCHIP), Major Housing Aid (public housing, section 8, rural housing service programs), Child Care and Head Start